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1. Two barracks-like buildings are located about five or six kilometers southeast of Lake Mart (N69-16, E31-37). [redacted] single-story construction with flat roofs and no chimneys did not resemble houses and because there were no villages or other buildings in the area. [redacted] the buildings might be quarters for highway or railroad construction crews, since poles, similar to those used as stakes in laying out the boundaries of new roadways, are stacked near the buildings. (See sketch on page 3.) 50X1-HUM
2. The two buildings are approximately six to seven meters long and three meters high. The buildings are ten meters apart. The buildings are white, either painted or possibly of such recent construction that the lumber is still light colored. Both buildings have windows and at night they appeared to be lighted by electricity. The buildings are located beside a body of water, presumably a pond. Immediately east of the pond, a road runs in a north-south direction. Telephone poles parallel the east side of this road, though wires were not visible because of the restricted observation. [redacted] smoke was observed rising from in front of one of the buildings, probably from a campfire. No persons or other sign of activity were observed in the vicinity of the buildings. 50X1-HUM
3. Two to three kilometers southeast of the buildings described above there is a newly constructed gravel road which runs in an east-west direction. Surveying poles are still in place and recently felled trees and cut branches can be seen on both sides of the road. The road is about five meters wide and has no drainage ditches. There were no signs of vehicular traffic; only horse cart tracks were visible. [redacted] this road was constructed in summer 1952. 50X1-HUM
4. Three one-story barracks are located near Lake Mokket (N69-12, E31-42). Each barracks had four windows on a side and was electrically lighted. [redacted] each barracks could house 40 to 50 people. 50X1-HUM
5. A large abandoned camp site is located on a level stretch of ground on the southwest shore of Lake Mart. The camp site extends for about 50 meters on one side [redacted] There is some underbrush 50X1-HUM

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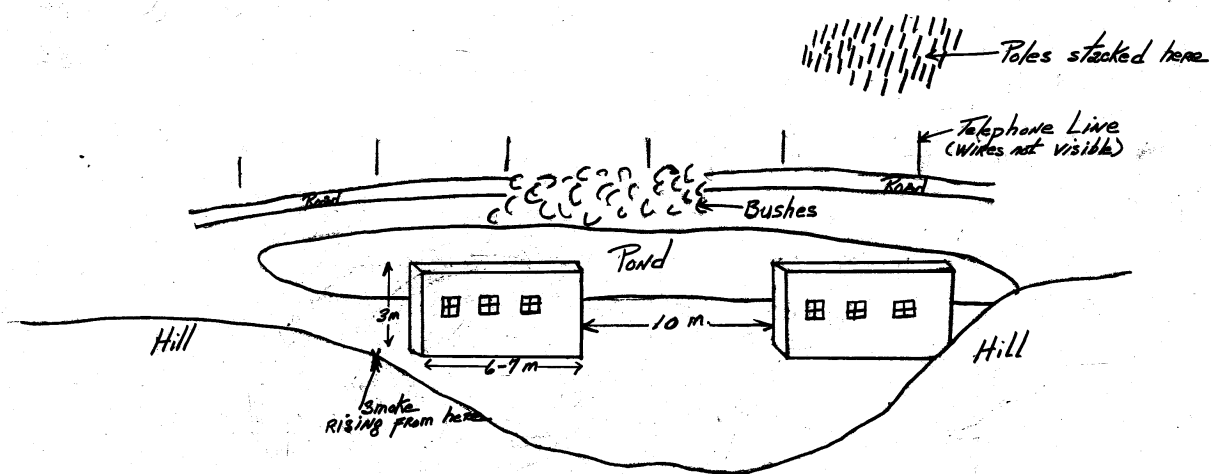
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and marshy ground in the area. Trampled bushes and grass and empty unrusted tin cans indicated that the site may have been used in late August 1952. The cans were three to four inches high and four inches in diameter.

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6. [] the site may have been used by military personnel. Two trenches about five feet long, two feet wide, and two feet deep were observed in the area. No signs or tracks of military vehicles or equipment were noted. However, [] signs of target practice in the area. 50X1-HUM
7. Approximately 100 meters from the camp site, a gravel road runs in an east-west direction. The road is about five meters wide []. A telephone line with eight wires parallels the south side of the roadway. A power line with three wires running in an east-west direction is located about 300 meters south of the road. 50X1-HUM
8. Wreckage of a World War II German plane is located one-half kilometer south of Lake Chapr (N69-21, E31-32).
9. A partially completed forest clearing was observed at a point about two kilometers southwest of Lake Pon (N69-05, E31-54) and about five kilometers northwest of Lake Urd (N68-59, E31-53). Only a one-meter strip running in an east-west direction has been cleared. The underbrush and lower branches of the trees have been cut and the tree trunks have ax marks on them. Recently installed wooden stakes mark the outline of the clearing.

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